

NOTICE: REGARDING OAK WILT IN CENTRAL TEXAS

NOTICE: There may be Oak Wilt/Decline on the property that you are about to purchase

Oak Wilt/Decline is a disease that has long been recognized as causing massive tree loss in the Texas Hill Country. It is caused by a fungus called *Ceratocystis fagacearum* that clogs the water conduction vessels of infected trees, causing them to wilt and die. It has now been identified in 55 Texas Counties. Losses vary with location, with the greatest losses occurring in the Hill Country. A management program has been developed by the Research and Extension faculty at Texas A & M University. This program involves the use of cultural and chemical controls.

Live Oak, Shumard Red Oak, Southern Red Oak, Spanish Oak, Blackjack Oak, Pin Oak, Shin Oak and Water Oak are native species that are susceptible to the oak wilt fungus. They are members of the Red Oak group and will normally die in a few weeks to months after symptoms are observed. Members of the White Oak group including Bur Oaks, White Oaks and Post Oaks, rarely become infected. They have a high level of resistance and when infected, seldom die.

We cannot make representations or guarantees because we are not trained in identifying the condition of trees and their diseases and have no expertise in the area of plant diseases. We recommend that you take whatever other measures you feel are necessary to satisfy yourself about the condition of the property and its surroundings, and that you accompany the inspectors and other experts during their inspections and ask any questions you have about the property.

OTHER INFORMATION: If you are concerned or desire additional information, you may call you County Agricultural Extension Service, or for general questions concerning Oak Wilt, including a list of certified private arborist please visit: www.texasoakwilt.org/

Buyer

Date

Seller

Date